

WARWICK LAND TRUST

January 15, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

- Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm. Trustees in attendance were Derek Andersen (Chair), Juan Cano, Leslie Derrig, Chris D'Ovidio and Joe Cavanaugh. Trustees not in attendance were Deb Place and Mary Bagley. A quorum existed. Also present was Sue Cabeceiras of the Planning Dept.
- Approval of December 18, 2012 meeting: A motion was made by Leslie to approve the December 2012 minutes. This motion was seconded by Joe and approved unanimously.

Officers/Staff Report:

Treasurers Report: The chair reported that none of the budget has yet been spent so there should still be \$400 in the Land Trust Committee's account. Sue reported that the Planning Dept secretary was asking how much of the budget does the Land Trust plan on spending by March. Sue asked to save \$120 for registration for the Land and Water Summit.

Staff Report: Sue reported that she received an email from Mary Bagley who is taking RISD classes again this semester and will not be available to attend meetings until April. A motion was made by Leslie to allow this absence and to have the Chair contact Mary to find out if she expects to be taking Tuesday night classes in the coming school year and if she really wants to stay on the commission or not. This motion was seconded by Chris and unanimously approved.

Jason's replacement Rob Baxter's confirmation took place on January 14th. Sue sent him a welcome letter along with the by laws, the meeting notice and minutes from the last two months.

Sue has filled out the on line application for the TransCanada and submitted it on December 31, 2012. She received an email stating that she would be contacted in the near future.

Chris presented a motion for the Land Trust to pay for 3 people to attend the Land and Water Summit. This motion was seconded by Juan and unanimously approved. The deadline for the reduced registration fee is February 22nd. Chris, Juan and Sue are interested in attending.

Chris presented a motion to contact Dan Geagan of the Planning Dept and find out if he has the capability to generate maps of open space within each ward; and if he needs additional help, to use the Land Trust budget to pay for an intern to assist in this project. This motion was seconded by Joe and unanimously approved.

Leslie has worked with the Mill Cove Land Trust and is aware of numerous properties along the marsh that are not buildable. She will draft a letter from Derek to the property owners informing them that they can save tax money by donating the property to the Land Trust or creating a conservation easement on the property.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Leslie, 2nd by Chris, to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Susan Cabeceiras, Planning Department Staff Assistant.